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- Had ris'n, or *heav'd* his head, but that the will  
And high permission of all-ruling heaven  
Left him at large. *Milton's Paradise Lost*, b. i.
2. To carry.  
Now we bear the king  
Tow'rd Calais: grant him there; and there being seen,  
Heave him away upon your winged thoughts  
Athwart the sea. *Shakespeare's Henry V.*
3. To raise; to lift.  
So daunted, when the giant saw the knight,  
His heavy hand he *heaved* up on high,  
And him to dust thought to have batter'd quite. *Fa. Quen.*  
Unhappy that I am, I cannot *heave*  
My heart into my mouth: I love your majesty  
According to my bond, no more nor less. *Shakespeare's K. Lear.*  
He dy'd in fight;  
Fought next my person, as in comfort fought,  
Save when he *heav'd* his shield in my defence,  
And on his naked side receiv'd my wound. *Dryden's Don Seb.*
4. To cause to swell.  
The groans of ghosts, that cleave the earth with pain,  
And *heave* it up: they pant and stick half way. *Dryden.*  
The glittering finny swarms,  
That *heave* our friths and crowd upon our shores. *Thomson.*
5. To force up from the breast.  
Made she no verbal quest?  
—Yes, once or twice she *heav'd* the name of father  
Pantingly forth, as if it prest her heart. *Shakespeare's King Lear.*  
The wretched animal *heav'd* forth such groans,  
That their discharge did stretch his leathern coat  
Almost to bursting. *Shakespeare's As you like it.*
6. To exalt; to elevate.  
Poor shadow, painted queen;  
One *heav'd* on high, to be hurl'd down below. *Shakespeare's R. III.*
7. To puff; to elate.  
The Scots, *heaved* up into high hope of victory, took the  
English for foolish birds fallen into their net, forsook their hill,  
and marched into the plain. *Hayward.*
- TO HEAVE, *v. n.*  
1. To pant; to breathe with pain.  
'Tis such as you,  
That creep like shadows by him, and do sigh  
At each his needle's *heavings*; such as you  
Nourish the cause of his awaking. *Shakespeare's Winter's Tale.*  
He *heaves* for breath, which, from his lungs supply'd,  
And fetch'd from far, defends his lab'ring side. *Dryden.*
2. To labour.  
The church of England had struggled and *heaved* at a re-  
formation ever since Wickliff's days. *Atterbury.*
3. To rise with pain; to swell and fall.  
Thou hast made my curled blood run back,  
My heart *heave* up, my hair to rise in bristles. *Dryden.*  
The wand'ring breath was on the wing to part;  
Weak was the pulse, and hardly *heav'd* the heart. *Dryden.*  
No object affects my imagination so much as the sea or  
ocean: I cannot see the *heaving* of this prodigious bulk of  
waters, even in a calm, without a very pleasing astonish-  
ment. *Addison's Spectator.*
4. To rise; to exertion or effort upwards.  
None could guess whether the next *heave* of the earthquake  
would settle them on the first foundation, or swallow them. *Dryden's Don Sebastian.*
5. Rising of the breast.  
There's matter in these sighs; these profound *heaves*  
You must translate; 'tis fit we understand them. *Shakespeare.*
6. Effort to vomit.  
Struggle to rise.  
But after many strains and *heaves*,  
He got up to his saddle caves. *Hudibras*, p. i. cant. 1.
- HEAVE, *n. f.* [from the verb.]  
1. An offering among the Jews.  
Ye shall offer a cake of the first of your dough for an *heave*  
offering, as ye do the *heave* offering of the threshing floor. *Num.*
- HEAVEN, *n. f.* [from *heaven*, which seems to be derived from  
*heaven*, the places over head, Saxon.]  
1. The regions above; the expanse of the sky.  
A station like the herald Mercury,  
New lighted on a *heaven* kissing hill. *Shakespeare's Hamlet.*  
Thy race in time to come  
Shall spread the conquests of imperial Rome;  
Rome, whose ascending tow'rs shall *heav'n* invade,  
Involving earth and ocean in her shade. *Dryden's Æn.*  
The words are taken more properly for the air and ether  
than for the *heavens*, as the best Hebrews understand them.  
This act, with shouts *heav'n* high, the friendly band  
Applaud. *Dryden's Fables.*

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2. The habitation of God, good angels, and pure souls departed.  
It is a knell  
That summons thee to *heaven*, or to hell. *Shakespeare's Macbeth.*  
These, the late  
*Heav'n* banish'd host, left desert utmost hell. *Milton.*  
All yet left of that revolted rout,  
*Heav'n* fall'n, in station stood, or just array,  
Sublime with expectation. *Milton's Paradise Lost*, b. x.
3. The supreme power; the sovereignty of heaven.  
Now *heav'n* help him! *Shakespeare's King Lear.*  
The will  
And high permission of all-ruling *heav'n*  
Left him at large. *Milton.*  
The prophets were taught to know the will of God, and  
thereby instruct the people, and enabled to prophesy, as a  
testimony of their being sent by *heaven*. *Temple.*
4. The pagan gods; the celestialists.  
Our brows  
No more obey the *heavens* than our courtiers. *Shakespeare's Cym'd.*  
Take phyllick, pomp;  
Expose thyself to feel what wretches feel,  
I hat thou may'st shake the superfluous to them,  
And show the *heavens* more just. *Shakespeare's King Lear.*  
They can judge as fully of his worth,  
As I can of those mysteries which *heaven*  
Will not have earth to know. *Shakespeare's Coriolanus.*  
*Heav'n*! what a firm, wa in his arms, to throw!  
How high he held his shield, and rose at every blow. *Eryd.*
5. Elevation; sublimity.  
O, for a muse of fire, that would ascend  
The brightest *heav'n* of invention. *Shakespeare's Henry V. Pro.*  
It is often used in composition.  
HEAVEN-BEGOTT. Begot by a celestial power.  
If I am *heav'n-begot*, assert your son  
By some sure sign. *Dryden.*
- HEAVEN-BORN. Descended from the celestial regions; name  
of heaven.  
If a fever fires his sulphurous blood,  
In every fit he feels the hand of God,  
And *heav'n-born* flame. *Dryden's Fuzerals*, Sat. 13.  
Oh *heav'n-born* n' filters! source of art!  
Who charm the sense, or mend the heart;  
Who lead fair virtue's train along,  
Moral truth, and mystic song! *Pope.*
- HEAVEN-BRED. Produced or cultivated in heaven.  
Much is the force of *heav'n-bred* poetry. *Shakespeare.*
- HEAVEN-BUILT. Built by the agency of gods.  
My soul inspires,  
As when we wrapt Troy's *heav'n-built* walls in fire. *Pope.*  
His arms had wrought the destin'd fall  
Of sacred Troy, and raz'd her *heav'n-built* wall. *Pope.*
- HEAVEN-DIRECTED. Directed towards the sky.  
1. Raised towards the sky.  
Who taught that *heav'n-directed* spire to rise? *Pope.*
2. Taught by the powers of heaven.  
O sacred weapon! left for truth's defence;  
To all but *heaven-directed* hands deny'd;  
The muse may give it, but the gods must guide. *Pope.*
- HEAVENLY, *adj.* [from *heaven*.]  
1. Resembling heaven; supremely excellent.  
As the love of heaven makes one *heavenly*, the love of vir-  
tue virtuous, so doth the love of the world make one become  
worldly. *Shakespeare.*  
Not Maro's muse, who sung the mighty man;  
Nor Pindar's *heav'nly* lyre, nor Horace when a swan. *Dryden.*
2. Celestial; inhabiting heaven.  
Adoring first the genius of the place,  
Then carth, the mother of the *heav'nly* race. *Dryden's Æn.*
- HEAVENLY, *adv.*  
1. In a manner resembling that of heaven.  
In these deep solitudes and awful cells,  
Where *heav'nly* positive contemplation dwells,  
And ever-musing melancholy reigns,  
What means this tumult in a vestal's veins? *Pope.*
2. By the agency or influence of heaven.  
Truth and peace and love shall ever shine  
About the supreme throne  
Of him, t' whose happy-making light alone,  
Our *heav'nly* guided soul shall climb. *Milton.*
- HEAVENWARD, *adv.* [from *heaven* and *ward*, Saxon.] Towards  
heaven.  
I prostrate lay,  
By various doubts impell'd, or to obey,  
Or to object; at length, my mournful look  
*Heav'nward* erect, determin'd, thus I spoke. *Pope.*
- HEAVILY, *adv.* [from *heavy*.]  
1. With great ponderousness.  
Grievously; afflictively.  
Ease must be impracticable to the envious: they lie under  
a double misfortune; common calamities and common mis-  
ings fall *heavily* upon them. *Southey's*

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2. Sorrowfully; with an air of dejection.  
I came hither to transport the tydings,  
Which I have *heavily* born. *Shakespeare's Macbeth.*  
Why looks your grace so *heavily* to-day?  
—O, I have past a miserable night. *Shakespeare's R. III.*  
This O'Neil took very *heavily*, because his condition in  
the army was less pleasant to him. *Clarendon.*
- HEAVINESS, *n. f.* [from *heavy*.]  
1. Ponderousness; the quality of being heavy; weight.  
The subject is concerning the *heaviness* of several bodies, or  
the proportion that is required betwixt any weight and the  
power which may move it. *Wilkins.*
2. Dejection of mind; depression of spirit.  
We are, at the hearing of some, more inclined unto sorrow  
and *heaviness*; of some more afflicted, and softened in mind.  
*Harker*, b. v. f. 38.  
*Heaviness* in the heart of man maketh it stoop; but a good  
word maketh it glad. *Prov. xii. 25.*  
Ye greatly rejoice; though now for a season ye are in  
*heaviness*, through manifold temptations. *1 Pet. i. 6.*  
Against ill chances men are ever merry;  
But *heaviness* foretells the good event. *Shakespeare's Henry IV.*  
Let us not burden our remembrance with  
An *heaviness* that's gone. *Shakespeare's Tempest.*
3. Inaptitude to motion or thought; sluggishness; torpidness;  
dulness of spirit; languidness; languor.  
Our strength is all gone into *heaviness*,  
That makes the weight. *Shakespeare's Ant. and Cleopatra.*  
What means this *heaviness* that hangs upon me?  
This lethargy that creeps through all my senses? *Add. Cato.*  
He would not violate that sweet recess,  
And found besides a welcome *heaviness*,  
Which seiz'd his eyes. *Dryden.*  
A sensation of drowsiness, oppression, *heaviness*, and lassit-  
tude, are signs of a too plentiful meal. *Arbutnot on Aliment.*
4. Oppression; crush; affliction.  
5. Deepness or richness of soil.  
As Alexandria exported many commodities, so it received  
some from other European ports, which, by reason of the fat-  
ness and *heaviness* of the ground, Egypt did not produce; such  
as metals, wood, and pitch. *Arbutnot on Coins.*
- HEAVY, *adj.* [from *heavy*, Saxon.]  
1. Weighty; ponderous; tending strongly to the center; con-  
trary to light.  
Mercurius tells us, that a little child, with an engine of an  
hundred double pulleys, might move this earth, though it were  
much *heavier* than it is. *Wilkins.*
2. Sorrowful; dejected; depressed.  
Let me not be light;  
For a light wife doth make a *heavy* husband. *Shakespeare.*
3. Grievous; oppressive; afflictive.  
Menelaus bore an *heavy* hand over the citizens, having a  
malicious mind. *2 Mac. v. 23.*  
Let not your ears despise my tongue for ever,  
Which shall possess them with the *heaviest* sound  
That ever yet they heard. *Shakespeare's Macbeth.*  
If the cause be not good, the king himself hath a *heavy*  
reckoning to make. *Shakespeare's Henry V.*  
Are you to gossip'd  
To pray for this good man, and for his issue?  
Whose *heavy* hand hath bow'd you to the grave,  
And beggar'd yours for ever. *Shakespeare's Macbeth.*
4. Wanting alacrity; wanting briskness of appearance.  
My *heavy* eyes, you lay, confess  
A heart to love and grief inclin'd. *Pope.*
5. Wanting spirit or rapidity of sentiment; unanimated.  
A work was to be done, a *heavy* writer to be encouraged,  
and accordingly many thousand copies were bespoke. *Swift.*
6. Wanting activity; indolent; lazy.  
Fair, tall, his limbs with due proportion join'd;  
But of a *heavy*, dull, degenerate mind. *Dryden's Fables.*
7. Drowsy; dull; torpid.  
Peter and they that were with him were *heavy* with  
sleep. *Lu. ix. 33.*
8. Slow; sluggish.  
But let thy spider, that suck up thy venom,  
And *heavy* gaited toads lie in their way. *Shakespeare's Rich. II.*
9. Stupid; foolish.  
This *heavy* headed revel, East and West  
Makes us traduc'd, and tax'd of other nations. *Shakespeare.*  
I would not be accounted to be minded, or *heavy* headed,  
that I will confess that any of them is for valour, power, or  
fortune better than myself. *Kneller's History of the Turks.*
10. Burdensome; troublesome; tedious.  
I put into thy hands what has been the diversion of some of  
my idle and *heavy* hours. *Locke's Epistle to the Reader.*  
When alone, your time will not lie *heavy* upon your hands  
for want of some trifling amusement. *Swift.*
11. Loaded; incumbered; burthened.  
Hearing that there were forces coming against him, and not

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- willing that they should find his men *heavy* and laden with  
booty, he returned unto Scotland. *Eaton's Henry VII.*
12. Not easily digested; not light to the stomach.  
Such preparations as retain the oil or fat, are most *heavy* to  
the stomach, which makes baked meat hard of digestion. *Art.*
13. Rich in soil; fertile, as *heavy* lands.
14. Deep; cumbersome, as *heavy* roads.
- HEAVY, *adv.* As an adverb it is only used in composition;  
*heavily*.  
Your carriages were *heavy* laden; they are a burden to the  
weary beast. *If. xlv. 1.*  
Come unto me all ye that labour and are *heavy* laden, and  
I will give you rest. *Mat. ii. 28.*
- HEBDOMAD, *n. f.* [from *hebdomas*, Latin.] A week; a space of  
seven days.  
Computing by the medical month, the first *hebdomad* or sep-  
tenary consists of six days, seventeen hours and a half. *Brown.*
- HEBDOMADAL, *adj.* [from *hebdomas*, Latin.] Weekly;  
HEBDOMADARY, *adj.* [from *hebdomas*, Latin.] Weekly;  
As for *hebdomadal* periods, or weeks, in regard of their  
sabbaths, they were observed by the Hebrews. *Brown.*
- TO HEBETATE, *v. a.* [from *hebetare*, Latin; *hebetare*, French.] To  
dull; to blunt; to stupify.  
The eye, especially if *hebetated*, might cause the same per-  
ception. *Harvey on Consumption.*  
Beef may confer a robustness on the limbs of my son, but  
will *hebetate* and clog his intellects. *Art. and Pope's M. Serib.*
- HEBETATION, *n. f.* [from *hebetate*.]  
1. The act of dulling.  
2. The state of being dulled.
- HEBETUDE, *n. f.* [from *hebetudo*, Latin.] Dulness; obtuseness;  
bluntness.  
The pestilent seminaries, according to their grossness or  
subtlety, activity or *hebetude*, cause more or less truculent  
plagues. *Harvey on the Plague.*
- HEBRAISM, *n. f.* [from *hebraisme*, French; *hebraismus*, Latin.] A  
Hebrew idiom.  
Milton has infused a great many Latinisms, as well as Græ-  
cisms, and sometimes *Hebraisms*, into his poem. *Spectator.*
- HEBRAIST, *n. f.* [from *hebraus*, Latin.] A man skilled in Hebrew.
- HEBRICIAN, *n. f.* [from *Hebrew*.] One skilful in Hebrew.  
The words are more properly taken for the air or ether than  
the heavens, as the best *Hebreans* understand them. *Raleigh.*  
The nature of the Hebrew verse, as the meanest *Hebrician*  
knoweth, consists of uneven feet. *Peacham.*
- HECATOMB, *n. f.* [from *hecatombe*, French; *hecatomba*, Latin.] A sacri-  
fice of an hundred cattle.  
In rich mens homes  
I bid kill some beasts, but no *hecatombs*;  
None starve, none surfeit so. *Donne.*  
One of these three is a whole *hecatomb*,  
And therefore only one of them shall die. *Dryden.*  
Her triumphant sons in war succeed,  
And slaughter'd *hecatombs* around 'em bleed. *Addison.*
- HECTICAL, *adj.* [from *hectic*, French, from *hectis*.]  
HECTICK, *adj.* [from *hectic*, French, from *hectis*.]  
1. Habitual; constitutional.  
This word is joined only to that kind of fever which  
is slow and continual, and ending in a consumption, is the  
contrary to those fevers which arise from a plethora, or  
too great fulness from obstruction, because it is attended  
with too lax a state of the excretory passages, and gene-  
rally those of the skin; whereby so much runs off as  
leaves not resistance enough in the contractile vessels to keep  
them sufficiently distended, so that they vibrate oftener, agitate  
the fluids the more, and keep them thin and hot. *Quincy.*  
A *hectic* fever hath got hold  
Of the whole substance, not to be controul'd. *Donne.*
2. Troubled with a morbid heat.  
No *hectic* student fears the gentle maid. *Taylor.*
- HECTICK, *n. f.* An hectic fever.  
Like the *hectic* in my blood he rages,  
And thou must cure me. *Shakespeare's Hamlet.*
- HECTOR, *n. f.* [from the name of *Hector*, the great Homeric  
warrior.]  
1. A bully; a blustering, turbulent, perversive, noisy fellow.  
Those usurping *hecticks*, who pretend to honour without re-  
ligion, think the charge of a lye a blot not to be washed out  
but by blood. *Southey's Sermons.*  
We'll take one cooling cup of neqtar,  
And drink to this celestial *hector*. *Pope.*
- TO HECTOR, *v. a.* [from the noun.] To threaten; to treat  
with insolent authoritative terms.  
They reckon they must part with honour together with  
their opinion, if they suffer themselves to be *hectored* out of  
it. *Government of the Tongue.*  
The weak low spirit, fortune makes her slave;  
But she's a drudge, when *hector'd* by the brave. *Dryden.*  
An honest man, when he came home at night, found another  
fellow domineering in his family, *hectoring* his servants, and  
calling for supper. *Arbutnot's Hist. of John Bull.*